

**MARCH 25, 2009**

**NOTICE**

There will be a meeting of the **Environmental Control Committee** of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County on **Wednesday, April 1, 2009** at the hour of **1:30 PM** in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois to consider the following:

296493            **RESOLUTION REGARDING INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS BY COOK COUNTY ON THE COUNTY'S TEN WORST POLLUTERS ACCORDING TO THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**(PROPOSED RESOLUTION).**

Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by Peter N. Silvestri, County Commissioner; Co-Sponsored by Mike Quigley, William M. Beavers, Jerry Butler, Forrest Claypool, Earlean Collins, John P. Daley, Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman, Gregg Goslin, Roberto Maldonado, Joseph Mario Moreno, Joan Patricia Murphy, Anthony J. Peraica, Timothy O. Schneider, Peter N. Silvestri, Deborah Sims, Robert B. Steele And Larry Suffredin, County Commissioners

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**WHEREAS**, the United States Environmental Protection Agency rated 16,405 facilities across the nation on a health risk score based on chemicals released into the air and the surrounding population density; and

**WHEREAS**, seven of the top one hundred facilities are located in Cook County, Illinois, giving Cook County the highest risk level in the United States, and

**WHEREAS**, these facilities are located across the county, and are rated as follows:

Chicago Castings Co. (5th) - Cicero  
Corn Products Argo (18th) - Bedford Park  
Avery Dennison (19th) - Niles  
A. Finkl & Sons (21st) - Chicago/ Southport and Armitage Avenues  
Temtco Steel (67th) - Chicago/ Cicero and Bloomingdale Avenues  
Owens Corning (69th) - Summit  
and ISG Riverdale (87th) - 135th and Perry Avenues; and

**WHEREAS**, the chemicals sent into the air by these industries include manganese, which affects the nervous system, sulfuric acid, which causes irritations, gastrointestinal and respiratory problems, dilsocyanates, which causes irritations, gastrointestinal and respiratory problems, chromium, which affects lower lung functions, asthma, risk of lung cancer and other functions, nickel, which creates a higher risk of lung cancer, dermatitis and bronchitis, and lead, which effects the nervous system and results in low sperm counts, and impacts blood pressure and kidney functions; and

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**WHEREAS**, this report and rating is of importance to the health and safety of the people of Cook County, Illinois.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby direct the Cook County Department of Environmental Control to review the reports of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, present such report and its analysis to the Board, and in addition, present any potential remedies provided to County government, through its Environmental Control Committee, no later than December 1st, 2008.

**\*Referred to the Environmental Control Committee on 10/1/08.**

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Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary

Chairman: Quigley  
Vice-Chairman: Silvestri  
Members: Beavers, Gorman, Moreno, Peraica, Steele